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The Moon: Is It Really Made of Green Cheese 408

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There are many funny stories about the moon. Long ago, people thought it was **(made)** of green cheese. They thought that **(because)** the craters on the moon's surface **(looked)** like the holes found in certain **(cheeses)**. But what are the facts about **(the)** moon?

The moon is our closest **(neighbor)**. It does have tall mountains, wide **(flat)** places, and deep craters just like **(earth)**. But the moon has no atmosphere. **(It)** has no water. It also has **(no)** living things. It does have a **(crust)** like the earth though. It also **(is)** very hot and is probably molten **(deep)** inside. The moon has gravity like **(earth)**. However, earth's gravity pull is six **(times)** greater than the moon's. No wonder **(astronauts)** on the moon can leap as **(if)** they were the greatest jumpers ever **(seen)**.

The moon experiences large temperature changes. **(During)** daytime, its temperatures rise above 100 and **(at)** night they go below -100 degrees. **(The)** temperature changes cause the moon's crust **(and)** rocks to crack and break apart. **(Since)** there is no wind, the pieces **(of)** rock have changed over time to **(a)** fine dust. This fine dust covers **(most)** of the moon's surface. The craters **(or)** holes on the moon's surface are **(thought)** to have been made by meteorites **(that)** crashed into it early in its **(history)**. Some of the craters are very **(large)**, and others are quite small.

Astronauts **(have)** brought back rocks from the moon **(that)** were much older than the rocks **(here)** on earth. We still have much **(to)** learn about the moon, but at **(least)** we know it's not made of **(green)** cheese!



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There are many funny stories about the moon. Long ago, people thought it was **(on, than, made)** of green cheese. They thought that **(because, though, here)** the craters on the moon's surface **(looked, in, funny)** like the holes found in certain **(cheeses, not, wonder)**. But what are the facts about **(this, the, we)** moon?

The moon is our closest **(and, neighbor, apart)**. It does have tall mountains, wide **(flat, break, inside)** places, and deep craters just like **(earth, its, changed)**. But the moon has no atmosphere. **(Quite, Has, It)** has no water. It also has **(green, no, earth's)** living things. It does have a **(others, crust, closest)** like the earth though. It also **(is, neighbor, or)** very hot and is probably molten **(can, fine, deep)** inside. The moon has gravity like **(were, earth, covers)**. However, earth's gravity pull is six **(into, jumpers, times)** greater than the moon's. No wonder **(was, astronauts, about)** on the moon can leap as **(certain, if, deep)** they were the greatest jumpers ever **(still, much, seen)**.

The moon experiences large temperature changes. **(During, It, Crashed)** daytime, its temperatures rise above 100 and **(there, at, long)** night they go below -100 degrees. **(From, Night, The)** temperature changes cause the moon's crust **(and, living, does)** rocks to crack and break apart. **(No, Since, Below)** there is no wind, the pieces **(atmosphere, during, of)** rock have changed over time to **(a, also, go)** find dust. This fine dust covers **(been, most, temperature)** of the moon's surface. The craters **(or, stories, greatest)** holes on the moon's surface are **(no, degrees, thought)** to have been made by meteorites **(that, moon, meteorites)** crashed into it early in its **(earth, ago, history)**. Some of the craters are very **(it, moon's, large)**, and others are quite small.

Astronauts **(have, temperatures, greater)** brought back rocks from the moon **(that, tall, as)** were much older than the rocks **(here, some, however)** on earth. We still have much **(made, to, what)** learn about the moon, but at **(rock, pieces, least)** we know it's not made of **(green, water, just)** cheese!